

5. (Amended) The window assembly of Claim 1, further including a pawl latch mechanism for securing the inner window frame to the outer surface of the sidewall.

7. (Amended) The window assembly of Claim 1, wherein a second deformable mechanism for tensionably securing the outer window frame to the inner window frame includes at least one fastening clip.

8. (Amended) The window assembly of Claim 7, wherein the fastening clip includes a snap fastener releasably secured to an accommodating protrusion on the outer window frame and that further snaps over a perimeter of the inner window frame.

10. (Amended) A method of releasably coupling a snap-in window assembly to a sidewall of an aircraft, the method comprising:

attaching an inner window frame to the sidewall adjacent to an inner perimeter, by securing a shaped flange of the inner window frame to the sidewall with at least one first deformable mechanism tensionably securing a shaped flange of the inner window frame to the sidewall, the inner window frame defining a first opening; and

attaching an outer window frame readily attachable to the inner window frame adjacent the first opening, by securing the outer window frame to the inner window frame with at least one second deformable mechanism tensionably securing the outer window frame defining a second opening.

11. (Amended) The method of Claim 10, wherein the first deformable mechanism is a deformable flange secured to the outer surface of the sidewall, and the deformable flange tensionably engages the shaped flange of the inner window frame.

13. (Amended) The method of Claim 11, wherein the first deformable mechanism includes at least one spring clip mounted on an outer surface of the sidewall.

14. (Amended) The method of Claim 10, further comprising securing the inner window frame to the outer surface of the sidewall using a pawl latch mechanism.

15. (Amended) The method of Claim 14, wherein the pawl latch mechanism further comprises engaging the shaped flange along one or more index points to couple and decouple the window assembly from the outer surface of the sidewall.



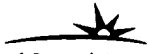
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16. (Amended) The method of Claim 10, wherein the second deformable mechanism for tensionably securing the outer window frame to the inner window frame comprises at least one fastening clip.

17. (Amended) The method of Claim 16, wherein the fastening device includes snap fastener releasably secured to an accommodating protrusion on the outer window frame and that further snap over a perimeter of the inner window frame.

19. (Amended) A snap-in window assembly for an aircraft having a sidewall with an inner perimeter that defines an opening, the assembly comprising:

an inner window frame attachable to the sidewall adjacent to an inner perimeter by at least one first deformable mechanism tensionably securing a shaped flange of the inner window frame to the sidewall, the inner window frame defining a first opening;

an outer window frame readily attachable to the inner window frame by a plurality of fastening devices releasably secured to an accommodating protrusion on the outer window frame and that further snap over a perimeter of the inner window frame adjacent the first opening, the outer window frame defining a second opening; and
a means for releasably coupling the outer window frame and the inner window frame within the first opening of the inner window frame, wherein the releasably coupling means includes a shaped flange of the inner window frame attached to the outer side wall by one or more spring clips and coupled to a hook shaped deformable flange of the outer window frame and a pawl latch mechanism for engaging the shaped flange along one or more index points to couple and decouple the window assembly from the outer sidewall.

In the Figures:

New figures are enclosed. FIGURES 3 and 4 have been modified and a FIGURE 4A has been added to clarify details as requested in the Office Action. The remaining figures have been formalized, but their content remains the same. Applicant submits that no new matter has been introduced by way of such clarification.




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